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Man Convicted of Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Battery, and Aggravated Assault

On March 24, 2022, the Douglas County District Attorney's Office tried and convicted Earl Hagger of Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Battery, and Aggravated Assault. The case was investigated by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and tried by Assistant District Attorneys Luana Nolen and Tornear'e Wiggins before Judge Cynthia Adams.

On January 7, 2019, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Grady Hospital regarding an incident that had occurred in Douglas County on January 6th. The victim stated that she was at the defendant's Earl Hagger's residence when he started to get physical with her. The victim tried to fight back but the defendant began to hit her with a stick breaking her arm. During the altercation the defendant sodomized the victim. Several hours later the defendant drove the victim back to her residence in Atlanta. She then proceeded to call 911, which is when an ambulance took her to Grady. After an examination by the doctors, it was also determined that the victim suffered from a broken back, which was sustained during the incident with the defendant.

The defendant testified on his own behalf at the trial and revealed that he has prior convictions for rape, sodomy, and assault. The jury deliberated for a short amount of time before returning their verdict of guilty on the various charges.

"While this verdict will not fully heal the victim, we believe this will be a steppingstone for her along this path. We appreciate the efforts of our law enforcement partners in the investigation of this case" said District Attorney Dalia Racine. "Our collaboration along with the victim's courageous testimony allowed us to secure a conviction for the horrific acts this victim had to endure."

Sentencing for the Defendant will be scheduled for a later date.